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But It Was Shown to Have Spoiled After Leaving the Cars—This Seems to Have Been the Only Trouble as Far as Commissary Supplies Were Concerned.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Oct. 19.—The War Investigating Commission held its sessions in the City Hall to-day, examining a large number of regimental and other officers. One of the most outspoken witnesses of the day was Dr. Frye, of the Third Division Hospital. He condemned some of the methods in vogue in the hospitals, and said that in many cases the contract physicians and members of the hospital corps were incompetent. The commission has decided that one of its members should be in the commission office at Washington, and Colonel Denby has been designated for this service. He was selected largely for the reason that his health has not been so robust here as when in Washington.

WORK COMMENCED.
 The War Investigating Commission began its work in its new quarters at the Jacksonville City Hall to-day with Major Noble H. Creager, depot quartermaster on the stand. He said there had never been any serious shortage of supplies here had been no suffering caused by a deficiency of supplies. In the beginning of the history of the camp there had been some complaint as to the quality of clothing, but he had been an important factor in this respect in recent months. He also had some little difficulty in securing a proper assortment of sizes, but had been able to meet the demands of the men in this respect. Major Creager was followed by Congressman James R. Campbell, colonel of the Ninth Illinois Volunteers, who was questioned in regard to the general treatment of the troops in the field and asked for suggestions for the benefit of the army, but made no suggestions. He said there was a very few of his men who were now home.

SOME COMPLAINTS.
 There had been some complaints, however, as to the character of the refrigerator beef, but on investigation it had developed that while the meat had been received in good order it had spoiled because of exposure in hot weather. The difficulty was overcome by exchanging beef for ham, and the beef now being taken by the regiment.

Colonel Campbell contributed the opinion that the principal cause of sickness in camp was the drilling in the early morning when the dew was on the ground.

He had no suggestion to make beyond a request that his regiment be supplied with the Krag-Jorgensen rifles. He also complained of the red-tape methods of the army, but made no suggestions.

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He also reported that the camp under instructions to find all that was bad and nothing that was good.

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 Handsome Braided Flannel Waists, with tight-fitting inner lining, collar and front elaborately braided, \$1.50 WAISTS, \$1.08

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but he was satisfied that such cases had occurred.

He thought these instances were due to insufficient supervision to ignorance of physicians, and to a desire to clear the wards of the hospital for new patients.

Dr. Frye spoke in very uncomplimentary terms of the men engaged in the hospital corps, saying they had been picked up at random from the country and were generally "A scabby looking lot" not fit to adorn any walk of life.

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 General Williston had been at Montauk from the 10th of August to the 13th of September and had superintended the embarkation of the troops and the entry of the regiments into camp. "Never," he said, "was a better camp pitched in the United States than was the camp at Montauk."

He said there were tents erected for 10,000 men before any men arrived, and all they had to do was to walk into them so that so far as the men who were not sick were concerned, they were well provided for.

He said the site was splendidly adapted to camp service and that the camp was abundantly supplied with stores of all kinds.

SUB-COMMITTEE'S WORK.
 Spent the Afternoon with the Investigation at Port Tampa.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Oct. 19.—A special to the Times-Union and Citizen from Tampa says: The sub-committee of the War Investigating Commission began its work here early this afternoon. Captain Brown, assistant quartermaster, took charge of the committee and afforded them every facility for doing business. All the camp sites were visited, and Colonel J. B. Anderson, president of the Board of Trade, was called. The committee had the army business transacted here, giving them a great deal of information. The committee spent this afternoon, pushing its investigation at Port Tampa. The work there was completed and the party returned to Jacksonville. The committee was met by Colonel Anderson at the Commodore Hotel, and they left tonight for Jacksonville. They say there were but few charges to look into here, and the day was sufficient. It seems that the chief complaints were about the management of the camp. The committee spent this afternoon, pushing its investigation at Port Tampa. The work there was completed and the party returned to Jacksonville. The committee was met by Colonel Anderson at the Commodore Hotel, and they left tonight for Jacksonville. They say there were but few charges to look into here, and the day was sufficient. It seems that the chief complaints were about the management of the camp. The committee spent this afternoon, pushing its investigation at Port Tampa. The work there was completed and the party returned to Jacksonville. The committee was met by Colonel Anderson at the Commodore Hotel, and they left tonight for Jacksonville. They say there were but few charges to look into here, and the day was sufficient. It seems that the chief complaints were about the management of the camp.

AROUND BEDFORD SPRINGS.
 People Are Undisturbed by the Stump Speaker—Game Plentiful.

BEDFORD SPRINGS, VA., Oct. 19.—Since the visitors to the springs have all left we are having an awful quiet time, with nothing to vary the monotony. A little political excitement, however, is in the air. The stump speakers have been given us the go-by.

An occasional document from Mr. Otis is the only reminder we have at all that we are still in the swim, that an election is approaching.

I have heard some talk in regard to the controversy about the "Daughter of the Confederacy." The story is that the influence of opinion is that the title is non-transferable. Should Hobson be so unfortunate as to "shuffle off his mortal coil" there would be some, no doubt, who would advocate the appointment of a hero in his place.

The guns of the darkies, which disappeared so suddenly when war was declared, are making their appearance again, now that hostilities have ceased, and from now until Christmas the "old hares" will still be a poor show.

There are many birds in this section, and the hunters are having good sport. If the non-hunters could be suppressed all would be well, but there seems no way to check them.

Mr. Van Thompson, of Chicago, is here again after an absence of twelve months, on a trip of business and pleasure. Mr. Thompson has been in the country and has been very successful in his property of money in improving his property here, and his presence is hailed with pleasure by many who are out of a job, thinking he may repeat the dose.

The farmers are busy sowing wheat, and a much larger amount will be put in than last year.

At a sale here the other day corn sold for \$1.50 per barrel cash. This, it is thought, will be the ruling price.

The tobacco crop here has been secured, and the quality generally considered good. No excuse for frosted tobacco this fall.

The Negro Postmaster at Junta.
 Editor of The Times:
 Sir,—So much has been published of late in respect to the appointment of a late postmaster at Junta, Franklin county, which is so unfair in its character, colored and uncolored, that I feel compelled to publish the following facts in the case.

Mr. George E. Bowden, who is the member of the Republican National Committee from Virginia, was selected as referee by the Postoffice Department early in 1897 in all matters relating to the appointment of postmasters in the district, which at that time were without any members of Congress in accord with the administration.

Late in 1897, or the early part of 1898, the postmaster at Junta died or resigned. Reference was made to the case by Mr. Bowden through myself, who had been assisting him in making these appointments, to leading citizens of Franklin county on diverse occasions, without securing any response, as to whom was desired as postmaster.

The department finally requested that a petition had been filed, signed by twenty-five citizens, in behalf of the appointment of Daniel A. Twyman, and, without knowing who Twyman was, I suggested to Mr. Bowden that no one else could be obtained, and there being no other papers on file, I signed the petition, giving the appointment to Twyman, the only applicant, conforming in this to the views of the administration in giving the public as many facilities as possible in securing their mail promptly, and by doing this I have saved the office from a serious loss.

All this was done without any knowledge of Twyman's race or political opinion. It comes with poor grace from those who are seeking to enrage race prejudice to make such a monster out of a man, when, if they are not informed, must be ignorant of political conditions, as it is well known that in Culpeper county several colored men have been appointed as fourth-class postmasters under Democratic administration, and on November 22, 1897, under the control of Hon. W. A. Jones, Democratic congressman from the First District, a colored man named Johnson was appointed at Baynesville, Westmoreland county, and similar appointments have been made since that time.

It was the cause of this appointment, and accept all the strictures that the Democratic press and its adherents can make out of it, but respectfully suggest while they are being so critical that at least they should be fair.

I would add that neither Congressman Brown nor Hon. Edmund Parr knew anything about it until after the appointment was announced.

Placed Out of Commission.
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The Hannibal and Hornet were placed out of commission at Norfolk yesterday and the monitors Puritan and Terror were laid in reserve at the same place to-day.

Mr. R. L. Plattford, member of the House of Representatives, was in the city for Charleston to take part in the Peace Jubilee there.

Major Shanks at Roanoke.
 ROANOKE, VA., Oct. 19.—Special.—Major Shanks, of the Second Regiment, arrived here last night and is looking out for quarters for Companies F and G of this city.

They will assemble for muster-out orders on the 23d instant.

PETERSBURG ROAD

ONE MILE SHORTER

The Electric Car Line Will Be Regenerated This Week.

QUESTION OF WOMAN AND MONEY
 Fire City Point Damages a School House—Dr. Wharton to Exhibit the Passion Play—Dr. H. G. Leigh, Jr., Appointed Coroner.

PETERSBURG, VA., Oct. 19.—Special.—The work of shortening the Petersburg railroad from a point near Acree's, a short distance south from Petersburg, to the sixteen mile point, is being pushed. A considerable distance of the new route has already been graded. By this new route the road will be shortened one mile and seventy feet. The Petersburg road forms a part of the great Atlantic Coast Line system.

Mr. W. P. McRae, receiver of the Petersburg Electric Street Railway, received a telegram to-day from Philadelphia, stating that the generator of the company had been repaired and shipped to Petersburg. The generator was burned out about three weeks ago, since which time the electric cars have not been run. Receiver McRae stated to-day that he expected to have the car line in operation by next Friday.

TO BE MARRIED.
 First Lieutenant W. S. Bond, of Company G, Petersburg Greys, Third Virginia Regiment, and Miss Mary Zeline Johnston, will be married to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock at St. Paul's Episcopal church. This promises to be quite a brilliant affair. The bride-elect is a daughter of Mr. E. C. Johnston, of this city, and a favorite in society circles here. The couple will go on an extended Northern tour.

The October term of the Hustings Court, Judge J. M. Miller, presiding, will open to-morrow morning.

The Young Men's Christian Association Debating Society will have its first public debate to-morrow night in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association. The subject to be debated is "Resolved, That money has a greater influence over man than honor has."

The judges will be five members of the Board of Directors of the association, FIRE AT CITY POINT.

The school house at City Point was badly damaged by fire to-day morning. Rev. H. G. Leigh, Jr., of this city, was in the city making arrangements for the presentation of the Passion Play, at the benefit of his orphanage, at the Academy of Music next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night.

Professor N. Foshane Cloward, manager of the Passion Play, in the exhibition of the Passion Play, and in which play he sings, will sing in the First Baptist church here on next Sunday morning.

Judge Miller, of the Corporation Court, this morning presided in the case of Dr. Wharton vs. Dr. H. G. Leigh, Jr., to succeed his father, the late Dr. H. G. Leigh, Sr.

Dr. Leigh is a prominent young physician and at once qualified to assume the duties of his new position.

CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED.
 The contracts for the building of the Richmond, Petersburg, and Carolina railroad, other than the first twenty miles of the road which has been completed from Petersburg to Butler's station in Dinwiddie county, will be awarded in New York to-day.

The contracts will be awarded in several lots. During the past few weeks several railroad contractors from New York have ridden over the route of the new road.

It is not thought that any damage has been done to tobacco in the neighboring counties by the recent frost.

Postmaster at Junta was reported yesterday as being as easily as could be expected.

Mr. John Wynn, a widely known colored man, is confined to a fall he had some days ago. Mr. Wynn is a member of the colored lodge of this city and also a member of Amputee commandary Knights Templar.

HOGS AND MARSHALL.
 Both Parties Making a Desperate Fight in Carroll.

HILLSVILLE, VA., Oct. 17.—Carroll County Court was in session here to-day till 11 o'clock, when it adjourned for political speaking.

"Cyclone Jim Marshall" was the Democratic speaker and J. Hampton Hoge Republican speaker. It was hoped that they would have a joint discussion, but in this the people were disappointed, as they could not arrive at any agreement.

The Democrats held their speaking in the court-house, and the Republicans in the hall outside. "Cyclone Jim" spoke for about two hours, creating considerable enthusiasm, while Hoge spoke for about an hour and a half.

A DESPERATE FIGHT.
 Both parties are making a desperate fight in Carroll, and both are claiming it, but it is the opinion of all thoughtful and conservative men that it will be a close contest.

One Hall, who was indicted in the County Court for forgery, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to serve a term of one year in the penitentiary.

The cattle buyers are plentiful, and all kinds of cattle are selling at good prices.

ATLANTIC AND WESTERN.
 There is some talk of a county subscription to the Atlantic and Western railroad, in the near future.

Mr. J. T. McCormack, of Clifton Forge, was a guest at "Redland" last week.

Miss Mary E. Egan, of Egan's, has been named teacher of the Afton public school.

The heavy rains of the past few days have done much damage to fencing, water-gates and low lying lands.

The wheat is looking well, corn is ahead of last year, and farmers here in housing the crop. Apples are scarce, demand very good.

MR. RIXEY IN STAFFORD.
 Complimentary Reference to the Late Republican Chairman.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Oct. 19.—Special.—Hon. John P. Rixey spoke at Stafford Courthouse to-day at a fair attendance of the sovereigns of that county. His speech was well received and was over an hour in duration. He referred in very complimentary terms to the late R. L. Plattford, member of the House of Representatives, and spoke of him as a worthy man and exemplary citizen.

Mr. Rixey will poll the full strength of his party and will also receive many Republican votes.

The Republicans held a meeting and passed resolutions commending the late chairman, Mr. R. L. Plattford. Mr. M. K. Lowry, who succeeded the deceased, both as member of the State Committee and county chairman, presided over the meeting and delivered a speech highly eulogistic of his deceased leader.

Cyclone Jim in Wythe.
 WYTHEVILLE, VA., Oct. 19.—Special.—"Cyclone Jim" Marshall addressed a good crowd here last night in behalf of Judge Rhea, Democratic candidate for Congress in this district. His speech was mostly devoted to a discussion of the money question interspersed with anecdotes, told in his inimitable style.

He made a good speech and sustained his reputation as a stump speaker. He left for Pulaski to-day where he spoke. Judge Rhea was also here to-day on his way to Pulaski.

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Congressman Joseph Bailey, of Texas, will speak here next Tuesday, the 25th. Congressman Ross of the Tenth Virginia District will speak here the same date.

HANOVER COUNTY COURT.
 Democrats and Republicans Speak.

ASHLAND, VA., Oct. 19.—Special.—In Hanover County Court to-day W. L. Crittenden, charged with burglarizing the store of M. T. Lightfoot, near Doswell, was dismissed. Crittenden acknowledged going into the store, but denied stealing anything, and was committed when he did so.

Edith Fridly for using indecent language was fined \$5. The case was appealed from the magistrate's court, where he was fined \$25.

Mr. R. Chewing was appointed a trustee for Ashland District School in place of Mr. B. K. Cooke.

During a recess of the court Mr. Jefferson Wallace, of Richmond, and Captain John Lamb spoke while in the court.

Colonel Otis H. Russell was presenting his claims to a seat in Congress to a Republican assembly and arguing the legality of his nomination. After his speech the meeting adjourned.

Then J. E. Merriweather, a colored orator, was permitted to address the meeting in the interest of Mr. Weisner.

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METHODIST WOMEN.
 Second Days Session of the Foreign Missionary Society.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Oct. 19.—Special.—The second day's session of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, was called to order this morning by the president, Mrs. W. C. Lee, who conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Lee presided, in the absence of Mrs. DeBerry. At the roll-call of officers thirteen responded.

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PENNSYLVANIA FIREMEN.
 Disbursements at Norfolk Navy Yard Exceed Two Millions.

NOFOLK, VA., Oct. 19.—Special.—The Laurel Steam Fire Company, of York, Pa., thirty strong, under command of Captain Jacob Hoss, arrived here this morning upon a visit to the Chambers Engine Company, of Portsmouth, an ancient company of fire fighters. The Pennsylvania firemen were given by Commandant Farnham the freedom of the Norfolk Navy Yard and the ships there, and have been the recipients of many civic courtesies.

Disbursements at the Norfolk Navy Yard the navy pay office here during the past six months exceed two million dollars.

There are nearly two thousand men now on the rolls.

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SAD WEDDING PARTY.
 Young Lady Drowned While En Route to Her Brother's Marriage.

AFTON, VA., Oct. 19.—Special.—Miss Beattie Watkins, daughter of Mr. James Watkins, of Gordonsville, was drowned in the Rockfish river, three miles below here last night. She was one of a party of wedding guests consisting of herself, Mr. Towles Goodloe, Mr. George Watkins, her own brother, and Messrs. J. L. and Buddie Goodloe, of Onan.

Miss Watkins was the half sister of Mr. John Reynolds, who was married to Miss Mary J. Goodloe this morning at 9 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Hawthorn.

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